

Remarks:

This amendment is submitted in an earnest effort to advance this case to issue without delay.

The specification and claims have been amended to eliminate some minor obvious errors. The drawing has been replaced with one having a complete set of legends. No new matter whatsoever has been added.

The claims have been amended to clarify that the authorization data signal sent out from the user is sent out "continuously or periodically" (original translation page 9, lines 10-11) and this signal is tested also "continuously or periodically" (ibid. line 13). This ensures that, when the link is broken by the user releasing the machine or apparatus, the device will be disabled.

In US 6,861,944 of Hoepelman has authorization that is enabled by the user contacting the device and ensures that the device can only be made operational when it receives the authorization signal from the user. However, as stated in column 2, lines 27ff: "The default position of the lock/unlock-mechanism can be an unlocked position." Thus it would seem that once the

system is unlocked it would remain in the default unlocked position.

There is also nothing in Hoepelman "for outputting a clearance signal" according to this invention. In other words, a successful test of the authorization data signal initiates the generation of a secondary clearance signal that itself allows the machine or apparatus to function.

In US 5,960,085 of Hueriga the system works purely wirelessly, that is through the air with rf signals. Thus there is no body connection. The result is that the authorized user needs merely to be near the controlled machine or apparatus whereas the instant invention requires that the user be in actual contact with the controlled machine or apparatus.

Hence the instant invention is allowable over the main
cited art.

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